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NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Allan Betton has been appointed to the bench of the British Columbia Provincial Court in Salmon Arm, Attorney General Wally Oppal announced today.

He will take his seat on the bench effective March 19.

Betton has practiced law for 20 years with Nixon Wenger in Vernon. He has extensive experience in criminal law, as well as civil litigation such as insurance, motor vehicle and personal injury cases. He also has considerable experience in mediation.

The process to appoint judges involves several steps. Interested lawyers apply and the B.C. Judicial Council, a committee made up of the chief judge, other judges, lawyers and lay people, then reviews the candidates.

The council recommends potential judges to the attorney general, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. More information about the appointment process can be found at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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